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APPLICATION OF

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SERIAL NUMBER:09/960,625

FILED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

TITLE: OPTICAL DATA MEDIUM CONTAINING,
IN THE INFORMATION LAYER, A
PHthalOCYANINE DYE AS A LIGHT-
ABSORBING COMPOUND

) EXPEDITED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

) GROUP NO.: 1756

) EXAMINER:
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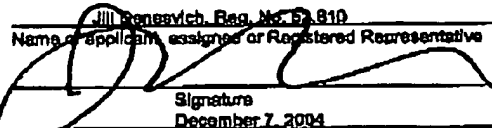
AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004 of the above identified application, it is respectfully requested that the presently claimed invention be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks. A separate Petition for an Extension of Time is included herewith.

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